

# National American Indian and Alaska Native Worker Safety and Health Strategic Plan

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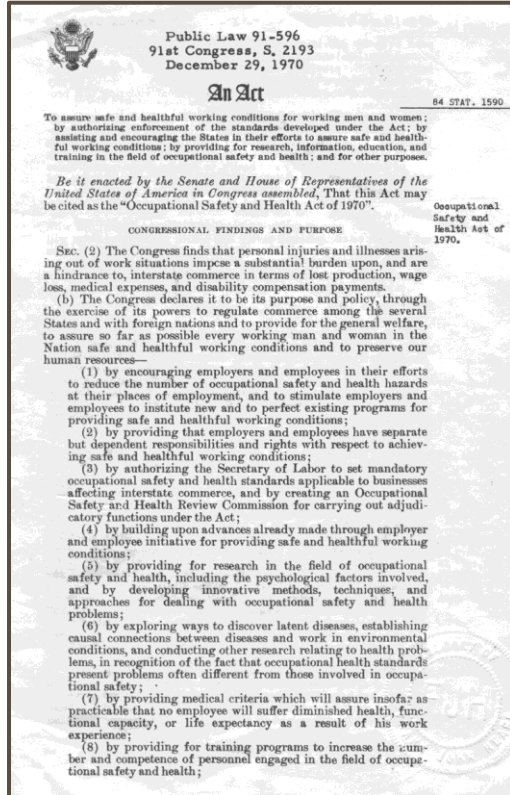
# Overview

- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
- NIOSH American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Initiative
- National AI/AN Worker Safety and Health Strategic Plan



**National Institute for Occupational Safety  
and Health (NIOSH)**

# Origin of NIOSH



- Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 created NIOSH and OSHA
- U.S. federal agency that conducts occupational safety and health (OSH) research and makes recommendations to prevent worker injury and illness.

Mission: To develop new knowledge in the field of occupational safety and health and to transfer that knowledge into practice.

## Research & Recommendations

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Health and Human Services  
(HHS)



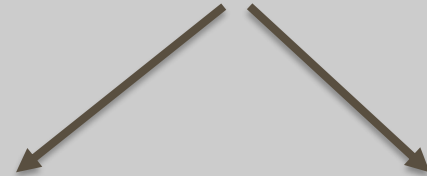
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Control and Prevention



National Institute for  
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## Regulation & Enforcement

Department of Labor  
(DOL)



Mine Safety  
and Health  
Administration  
(MSHA)

Occupational  
Safety and Health  
Administration  
(OSHA)

# **NIOSH American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Initiative**

# NIOSH AI/AN Initiative

Partner with AI/AN communities, tribal serving organizations, and partners to provide occupational safety and health support.

- Over **2.7 million AI/AN workers** in the US
- AI/AN workers **42%** more likely to be employed in a high-risk occupation
- **Limited research on occupational safety and health initiatives** in tribal communities

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

Workplace Safety and Health Topics

Workplace Safety and Health Topics

American Indian and Alaska Native Initiative

AI/AN Workers

Outreach


Resources

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## American Indian and Alaska Native Initiative

In 2013, NIOSH launched an initiative to partner with American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) communities, organizations, and other stakeholders to identify priority issues, conduct outreach, and determine how NIOSH could best provide occupational safety and health support to tribal communities. The main goal of the initiative is to build and strengthen tribal occupational safety and health capacity to ensure workers make it home safely and healthily to their families and communities every day. All activities are coordinated with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support \(CSTLTS\)](#).

As sovereign nations, AI/AN tribes maintain a government-to-government relationship with the United States. There are currently 567 federally recognized tribes across the U.S.<sup>[1]</sup> Over 5.4 million AI/AN live across the United States, comprising about 2 percent of the population.<sup>[2]</sup> Twenty-two percent of AI/AN live on reservations.<sup>[3]</sup>



Construction workers on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. Photo by NIOSH



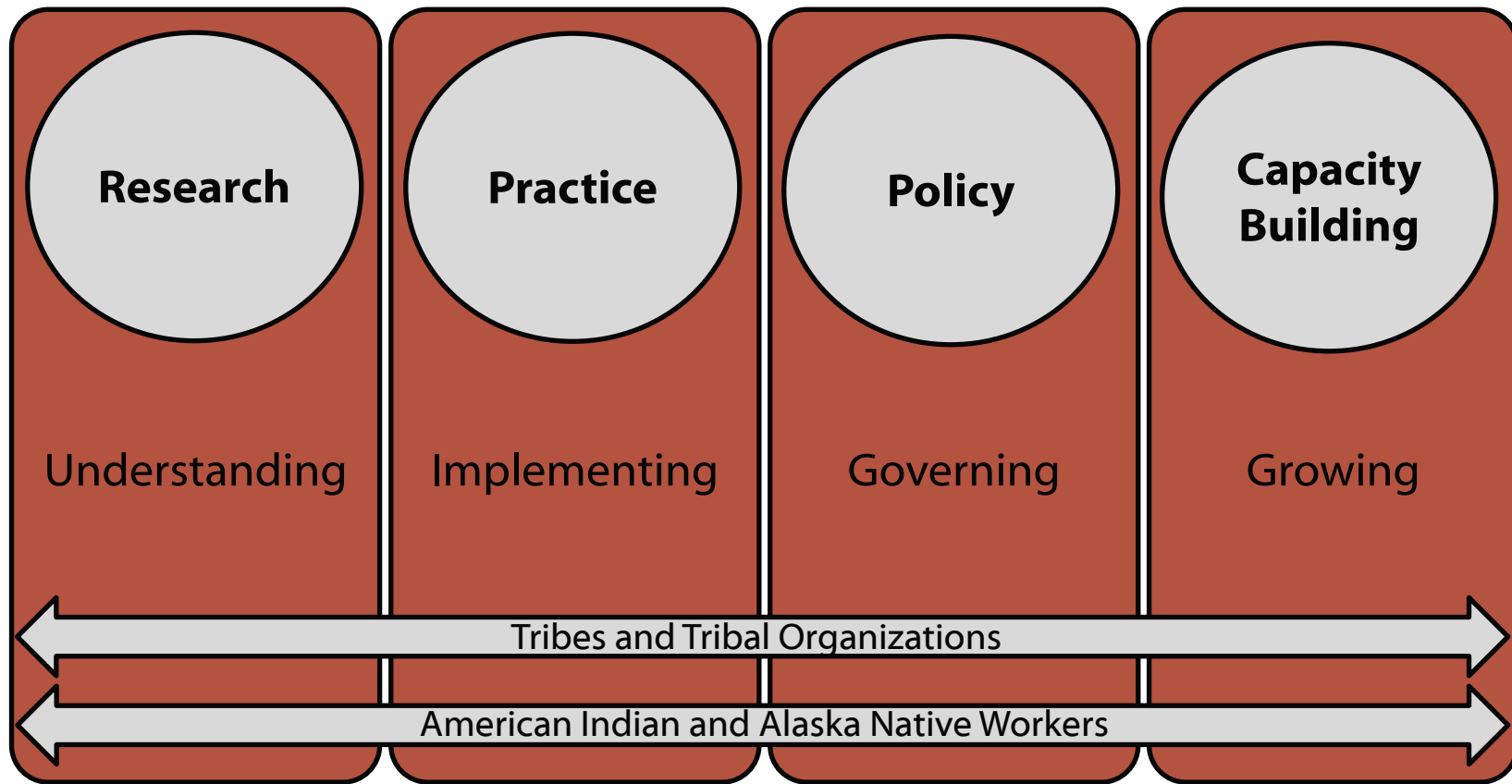
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# Overview of Strategic Plan

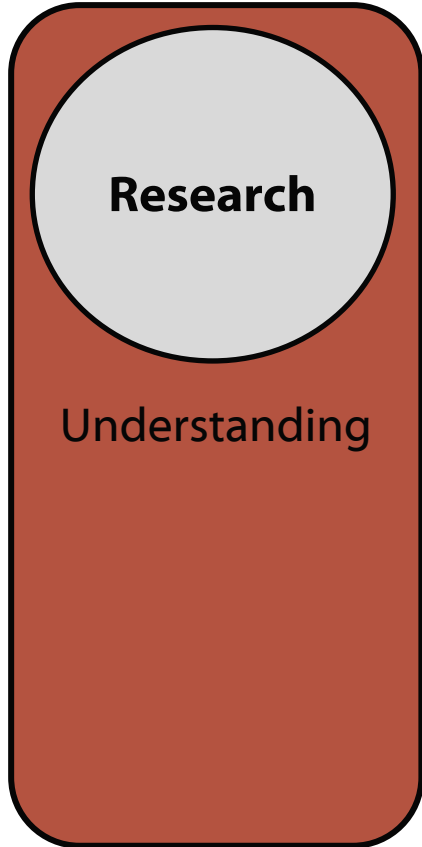
- Outlines the current needs of AI/AN workers to ensure their safety and health.
- Identifies priority research and outreach activities related to AI/AN workers.
- 10-year plan



# Focus Areas



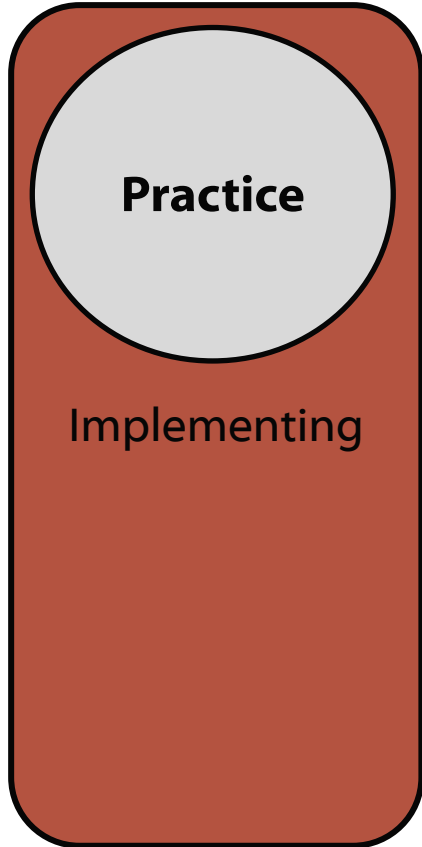
# Focus Areas – Research



## Example Objective

Identify and evaluate data sources that can be used to describe occupational safety and health risk factors among AI/AN workers.

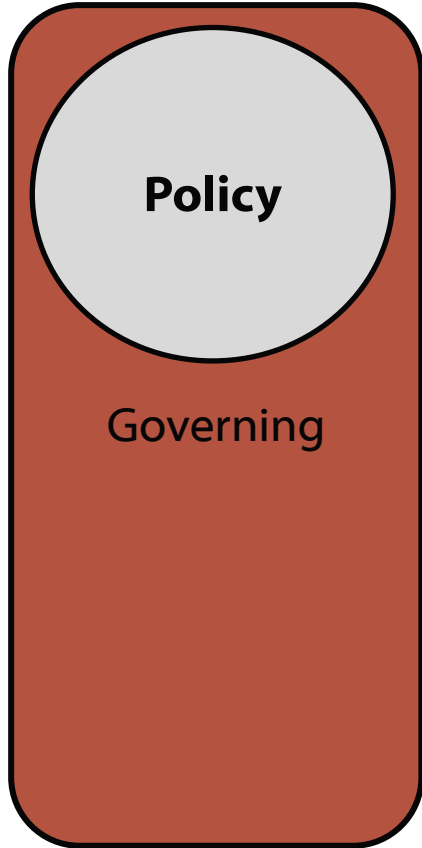
## Focus Areas – Practice



### Example Objective

Survey for existing materials that could be adapted, and develop toolkits, guidelines, assessments, and other resources that address worker safety, health, and well-being for practitioners in tribal communities.

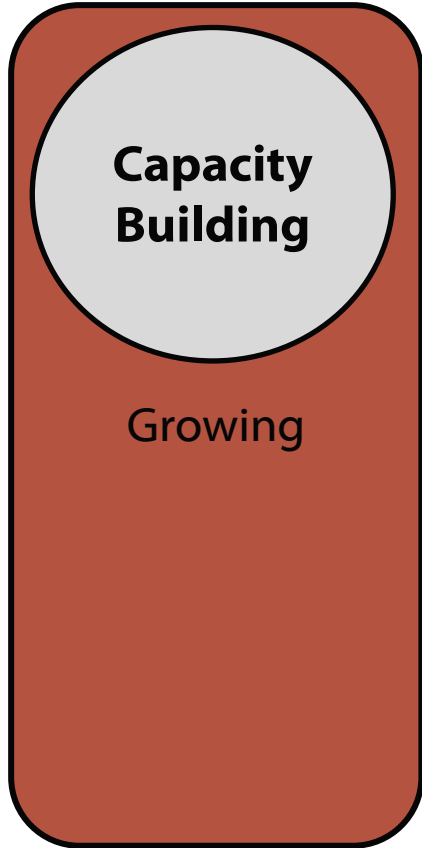
## Focus Areas – Policy



### Example Objective

Identify and assess the prevalence and effectiveness of existing occupational safety and health laws, codes, or policies in tribal communities.

# Focus Areas – Capacity Building



## Example Objective

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# Steps to Develop the Strategic Plan

1. Conduct two workshops with tribal members and others to identify focus areas and key activities
2. Developed draft strategic plan
3. Conduct internal review
4. Conduct stakeholder review
5. Develop second draft plan
6. Clearance
7. Publication
8. Utilization and evaluation



## How can the plan can be used?

- Guide efforts at the tribal, local, state, federal or organizational levels
- Incorporate plan elements into larger plans focused on the health of AI/AN.
- Steer partner development and collaboration

# How can you get involved?

- Review the draft strategic plan
- Provide feedback on the content and approach described in the plan

If you are interested in reviewing the plan, please contact Elizabeth Dalsey.

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# Questions?

Thank you!

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